

August. Can any other lepidopterist supply me with fuller details concerning the species?—M. GILLMER, 4, Elisabethstrasse, Cöthen, Anhalt, Germany. *October 28th, 1906.*

RESTING-HABIT OF *AGRIOPIS APRILINA*.—On October 19th, in company with Mr. Tonge, I had the pleasure of finding, in the New Forest, a specimen of this insect, at rest, on pale green lichen, on an oak trunk, about six feet from the ground. It had evidently been out some time, as the fringes were very much rubbed. My reason for recording this, is that I had enquired of many naturalists if they had ever taken this insect at rest on the tree-trunks, and Mr. Tonge had done the same, but we could find no one who had done so, and I was always assured that they rested on the ground among the herbage. I have always, however, had my doubts as to this, as, if this were so, the beautiful lichen-like marks and colour of *A. aprilina* would be purposeless. My opinion is that this insect rests generally on lichen, fairly high up the tree-trunks, and it is for this reason that it is not generally seen. The specimen which I found was beautifully protected, having chosen a patch of lichen exactly the same tint as itself, although another patch alongside was quite dark blue-green in colour.—C. W. COLTHRUP, 127, Barry Road, East Dulwich, S.E. *October 25th, 1906.*

COLEOPTERA.

COLEOPTERA IN THE ENFIELD DISTRICT, 1906.—I have not been able to devote much time to collecting, but have been fortunate in turning up some interesting things, principally amongst the wood-feeders. The following list may be of interest to collectors in the London district. *Notiophilus rufipes*, Curt., Enfield and Winchmore Hill; *Badister sodalis*, Duft., Enfield; *Bembidium quinquestriatum*, Gyll., and *B. alucum*, Germ., on pavement, Enfield; *Quedius ventralis*, Ahr., hollow beech, Enfield; *Q. fulgidus*, F., vegetable refuse; *Q. brevicornis*, Th., nest of a wood-pigeon in hollow beech, Enfield; the same nest produced *Hister meridarius*, Hop.; *Xantholinus glaber*, Nor., beneath wet apple bark, elm bark, and in a hollow apple tree, in which were the grubs of *Eryx ater*, F.; *Scymnus pygmaeus*, Four., from willow bark at Waltham and Cheshunt; *S. minimus*, Ross., on wall at Enfield Lock; *Coccidula scutellata*, Hbst., on bulrushes at Tottenham and Waltham Abbey; *Symbiotes latus*, Redt., Waltham and Enfield; *Alexia pilifera*, Mull., fungi, Enfield; *Aulonium sulcatum*, Ol., Enfield, Waltham, Palmer's Green, Winchmore Hill, and Silver Street, Edmonton; *Paromalus flavicornis*, Hbst., Enfield; *Gnathoncus punctulatus*, Th., corn shop, Edmonton; *Orthoperus brunripes*, Gyll., in fungi, Enfield; *Nitidula bipustulata*, L., *N. rufipes*, L., Waltham; *Lacmophloeus bimaculatus*, Pk., five examples from oak bark, Enfield; *Silvanus surinamensis*, L., corn shop at Edmonton, and in fungus on elm at Enfield; *Telmatophilus caricis*, Ob., Cheshunt; *Ptinus pusillus*, Sturm., occurred again in the corn shop at Edmonton, October and November; *Hedobia imperialis*, L., Enfield; *Meseum affine*, Boi., corn shop, Edmonton; *Ernobius mollis*, L., fir bark, Enfield; *Lyctus canaliculatus*, F., Enfield and Cheshunt; *L. brunneus*, Steph., one example on a beech log, Palmer's Green; *Cis hispidus*, Pk., *C. pygmaeus*, Marsh., *C. vestitus*, Mel., *C. fuscatus*, Mel., Enfield. Amongst the Longicornes some interesting things occurred, the best being a very

fine series of a *Tetropium*, which emerged in numbers from some larch logs discovered in a woodyard attached to Forty Hall, Enfield. My series includes the various forms previously recorded as *T. fuscum*, F., *T. castaneum*, L., and *T. crawshayi*, Sharp; all appear to belong to one species, *T. gabrieli*, Weise. The forms with bright red legs (*T. gabrieli*, Weise), and black legs (*T. crawshayi*), are the extremes, there being several intermediate forms with more or less black, red, or pitchy joints of antennæ, etc. There appears to be no reason for supposing this interesting beetle to be a recent introduction to the district. There are some extensive larch plantations in the north of Enfield, and the *Tetropium* burrows are very much in evidence where the timber has been used for making posts, fences, gates, etc. I have seen some logs which must have been exposed to wind and rain for many years, since the *Tetropium* larvæ did their work in loosening the bark. *Callidium variabile*, L., was abundant in oak logs in the same woodyard. I selected a very fine series from about 300 specimens observed. Many of these occurred in an old hawthorn stump, but did not differ from the oak forms. *Gracilia minuta*, F., and *Leptidia brevipennis*, Muls., were found on iron railings near a fruit store at Enfield. *Grammoptera holomelina*, Pool, was very scarce this year, only a few occurred where I took it in numbers last year. It is interesting to note the regular occurrence of this insect for three years in succession. *Heledona agaricola*, Hbst., abundant in fungus on oak, Enfield; *Eryx ater*, F., a nice series from burrows of *Sinodendron cylindricum*, Enfield; *Phlocotrya rufipes*, Gyll., a pair from oak logs, Enfield; *Anaspis garneysi*, Fow., swept from flowers at Waltham Cross; *Scolytus pruni*, Ratz., *S. rugulosus*, Ratz., abundant in apple bark, Enfield; *Hylesinus crenatus*, F., *H. fraxini*, Pk., *H. vittatus*, F., and *Xyleborus saxaseni*, Ratz., in ash bark, Enfield. In addition to the above, I am indebted to my friend, Mr. G. Baldock, an enthusiastic lepidopterist, for some assistance during the winter of 1905, with coleoptera from various parts of Epping Forest. The best of his captures are *Megacronus inclinans*, Gr., *Quedius scitus*, Gr., *Endomychus coccineus*, L., *Triplax russica*, L., *Opilo mollis*, L., *Scaphidema metallicum*, F., and *Trypodendron domesticum*, L. My captures in the forest include *Quedius ventralis*, Ahr., *Q. lateralis*, Gr., *Q. microps*, Gr., *Philonthus fuscus*, Gr., and *Choleva colonides*, Kr., from a starling's nest; *Ditoma crenata*, F., oak bark; *Cicones variegata*, Hell., in an old beech, where I observed the remains of *Prionus coriarius*, L., *Leptura scutellata*, F., and *Athous rhombeus*, Ol.—C. J. C. POOL, Enfield, Middlesex. November 30th, 1906.

CURRENT NOTES.

A trifle, in about 400 quarto parts, to contain 875 coloured plates, and 30000 figures with letterpress, entitled *The Macrolepidoptera of the World*, is in preparation by Dr. Adalbert Seitz, with several well-known helpers. One suspects from the advertisement that it is to be an illustrated catalogue. The Palearctic section is to cost £5—100 parts at 1s. each, which cannot be obtained separately; still the text we are informed "gives all necessary information in a concise form, care being taken to avoid all unnecessary details." Considering the area to be covered we should like to have a definition of "necessary infor-